## AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

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(Currently amended) A method for preparing a peptide or a peptide derivative
comprising at least two enantiopure amino acids and at least one glycine molecule,
comprising the production of a peptide of general formula

$$R^{1}R^{2}NCH_{2}-C(=O)-HN-A-COOH$$
 (I)

in which A denotes <u>is</u> a peptide chain comprising at least two enantiopure amino acids; and  $R^1$  and  $R^2$  are chosen, independently, from H or alkyl, alkenyl and aryl which are optionally functionalized, a peptide and a nucleic acid, or  $R^1$  and  $R^2$  together form a cycloalkyl or cycloheteroalkyl substituent, by reacting a compound of general formula

$$XCH_2-C(=O)-HN-A-COOY$$
 (II)

in which X denotes is a group which can be substituted by nucleophilic substitution, chosen from Cl and Br, and Y is chosen from H and cations, A has the same meaning as in formula (I); with a compound of general formula

in which R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>2</sup> have the same meaning as in formula (I).

- 2. (Original) The method according to Claim 1, in which the reaction is carried out in a liquid medium containing at least 25% by weight, relative to the total weight of the liquid medium, of compound of general formula (III).
- 3. (Original) The method according to Claim 2, in which the liquid medium contains at least 30% by weight of compound of general formula (III).

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4. (Original) The method according to Claim 1, in which the reaction is carried out in a liquid medium in which a concentration of the compound of general formula (II) of less than or equal to 10% by weight, relative to the total weight of the liquid medium, is maintained.

- 5. (Original) The method according to Claim 1, in which the reaction is carried out at a temperature of -30°C to +60°C,
- (Original) The method according to Claim 1, in which the compound of general formula
   (III) is aqueous ammonia.
- 7. (Currently amended) The method according to Claim 1, in which A denotes is a peptide chain made up of 2 to 20 amino acids.
- 8. (Withdrawn-currently amended) The method according to Claim 1, in which the compound of general formula (III) is a compound corresponding to general formula (I), at least R<sup>2</sup> in the compound of general formula (III) is H, A is identical in the compound of general formula (II) and in the compound of general formula (III), and the product obtained is a peptide derivative of general formula

$$R^{1}N(CH_{2}-C(=O)-HN-A-COOH)_{2}$$
 (IV)

in which A denotes is a peptide chain comprising at least 2 enantiopure amino acids; and R<sup>1</sup> is chosen from H, alkyl, alkenyl and aryl, which are optionally functionalized, a peptide or a nucleic acid.

9. (Currently amended) The method according to Claim 1, <u>further</u> comprising the <u>step of</u>

<u>producing production of</u> the compound of general formula (II) by peptide coupling of a

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fragment of general formula

$$XCH_2-C(=O)-HN-B$$
 (VI)

in which X denotes is a group which can be substituted by nucleophilic substitution, chosen from Cl and Br, and B denotes is an amino acid or a peptide chain optionally bearing protective and/or activating groups, with a fragment C, wherein said fragment C is also denoting an amino acid or a peptide chain optionally bearing protective and/or activating groups.

- 10. (Currently amended) The method according to Claim 9, in which B denotes is an amino acid.
- 11. (Original) The method according to Claim 9, in which fragment C is a persilylated amino acid or a persilylated peptide chain.
- 12. (Previously presented) The method according to Claim 1, in which the group A of the compound of general formula (II) is Phe-Leu-Gly.
- 13. (Withdrawn) A peptide derivative of general formula

$$R^{1}N(CH_{2}-C(=O)-HN-A-COOH)_{2}$$
 (IV)

in which A denotes a peptide chain comprising at least 2 enantiopure amino acids; and R<sup>1</sup> is chosen from H, alkyl, alkenyl and aryl, which are optionally functionalized, a peptide or a nucleic acid.

14. (Withdrawn) A peptide derivative according to Claim 13, in which the group A is chosen from Phe-Leu and Phe-Leu-Gly.

15. (Withdrawn) A peptide derivative of general formula

R¹N(CH<sub>2</sub>-C(=O)-HN-Al -COOH)(CH<sub>2</sub>-C(=O)-HN-A2-COOH) (V)

in which Al and A2 denote different peptide chains, and Al or A2 comprises at least 2

enantiopure amino acids and R¹ is chosen from H, alkyl, alkenyl and aryl, which are

optionally functionalized, a peptide or a nucleic acid.

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- 16. (Withdrawn) The peptide derivative according to Claim 15, wherein Al or A2 is chosen from Phe-Leu and Phe-Leu-Gly.
- 17. (Withdrawn) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a the peptide derivative according to Claim 13.
- 18. (Withdrawn) A compound of general formula

$$XCH_2$$
-C(=O)-HN-A-COOY (II)

in which X denotes a group which can be substituted by nucleophilic substitution, and Y is chosen from H and cations, and A denotes a peptide chain made up of 2 to 20 amino acids, comprising at least 2 enantiopure amino acids.

19. (Withdrawn) A method for producing the compound of general formula (II) according to Claim 18, by peptide coupling a fragment of general formula

$$XCH_2-C(=O)-HN-B$$
 (V)

in which X denotes a group which can be substituted by nucleophilic substitution, chosen from Cl and Br, and B denotes an amino acid or a peptide chain optionally bearing protective and/or activating groups, with a fragment C also denoting an amino acid or a peptide chain optionally bearing protective and/or activating groups.

- 20. (Withdrawn) The method according to Claim 18, in which B denotes an amino acid.
- 21. (Withdrawn) The method according to Claim 19, in which fragment C is a persilylated amino acid or a persilylated peptide chain.
- 22. (Withdrawn) The method according to Claim 20, in which fragment C is a persilylated amino acid or a persilylated peptide chain.
- 23. (Previously presented) The method according to Claim 2, in which the group A of the compound of general formula (II) is Phe-Leu-Gly.
- 24. (Previously presented) The method according to Claim 3, in which the group A of the compound of general formula (II) is Phe-Leu-Gly.
- 25. (Previously presented) The method according to Claim 4, in which the group A of the compound of general formula (II) is Phe-Leu-Gly.
- 26. (Previously presented) The method according to Claim 5, in which the group A of the compound of general formula (II) is Phe-Leu-Gly.
- 27. (Previously presented) The method according to Claim 6, in which the group A of the compound of general formula (II) is Phe-Leu-Gly.
- 28. (Previously presented) The method according to Claim 7, in which the group A of the compound of general formula (II) is Phe-Leu-Gly.
- 29. (Withdrawn) The method according to Claim 8, in which the group A of the compound of general formula (II) is Phe-Leu-Gly.

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30. (Previously presented) The method according to Claim 9, in which the group A of the compound of general formula (II) is Phe-Leu-Gly.

- (Previously presented) The method according to Claim 10, in which the group A of the 31. compound of general formula (II) is Phe-Leu-Gly.
- (Previously presented) The method according to Claim 11, in which the group A of the 32. compound of general formula (II) is Phe-Leu-Gly.
- (Withdrawn) A pharmaceutical composition comprising the peptide derivative 33. according to Claim 14.
- (Withdrawn) A pharmaceutical composition comprising the peptide derivative 34. according to Claim 15.
- (Withdrawn) A pharmaceutical composition comprising the peptide derivative 35. according to Claim 16.
- (Withdrawn) The compound as claimed in Claim 18, wherein the nucleophilic 36. substitution is with Cl or Br.
- 37. (New) The method according to claim 1 wherein Y is selected from the group consisting of H, Li<sup>+</sup>, Na<sup>+</sup>, K<sup>+</sup>, Cs<sup>+</sup>, Mg<sup>2+</sup>, Ca<sup>2+</sup>, Sr<sup>2+</sup>, Ba<sup>2+</sup> and H<sub>2</sub>NR<sup>1</sup>R<sup>2+</sup>, wherein H<sub>2</sub>NR<sup>1</sup>R<sup>2+</sup> can be obtained by protonation of the compounds of formula (III).
- (New) The method according to claim 37 wherein Y is H or NH<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup>. 38.

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